[Mr. H. B. Mahomed Rowther.]

kadavu, No. 305 [590], in the list of questions and answers for the meeting of the Council held on the 25th April 1929, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have taken any steps in the matter; and

(*b*) whether they have provided any allotment for the purpose in the Budget for the next year (1105)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative, as the matter is awaiting a local inspection by the Chief Engineer, who has promised to inspect the site as early as possible.

(*b*) No.

Circular re sale of arrack.

57. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Excise Commissioner had issued during the years 1102, 1103 and 1104 any order to his subordinate officers that they should see that the sale of arrack in any one month did not go below that in the corresponding month of the previous year?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Statement re sale of toddy shops.

58. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the total number of toddy shops sold during the last auction;

(*b*) the total amount fetched at the auction;

(*c*) the number of shops that had to be resold in auction owing to the default in payment of kist; and

(*d*) the amount of decrease or increase owing to such resale?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 1,208.

(*b*) Rs. 14,79,630.

(*c*) 42.

(*d*) It is not possibe to furnish the information now, as the further action necessitated by the resale of some of these shops is in different stages of progress.

Satrams not open to non-Hindus and non-caste Hindus.

59. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of *satrams* in the State which are not open to non-Hindus and non-caste Hindus;

(*b*) whether they are taking any action for throwing open such *satrams* to non-Hindus and non-caste Hindus; and

(*c*) if so, the names of such *satrams*?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Twenty-two.

(*b*) and (*c*) The question of throwing open as many *satrams* as possible is engaging the attention of the Government.

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